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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (original) A process for synthesizing a compound of formula I

$$R^{0} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{1}} R^{2} \xrightarrow{\mathbb{R}^{3}} R^{6}$$

$$OR^{25} OR^{4}$$

$$R^{7}$$

$$R^{8}$$

comprising contacting a compound of formula i

with a compound of formula xx

 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl), $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$ or $(CH_2)_r(heterocycle)$, wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

 R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R⁴ and R⁹ are, independently, H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

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R¹⁰ is hydrogen or C₁-C₆ alkyl;

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidation labile hydroxyl protecting group;

 X^{1} and X^{2} is, independently, a halogen, triflate, tosylate, or mesylate; and

J is

$$R^{15}O \xrightarrow{\stackrel{\stackrel{\scriptstyle R^{13}}{\downarrow}}{\stackrel{\stackrel{\scriptstyle }{\downarrow}}{\circ}}} \tilde{O}$$

$$R^{12} = \bigcup_{O}^{R^{13}} \mathcal{F}$$

$$R^{15}O$$

$$R^{12}$$

$$R^{10}$$

$$R^{10}$$

, or
$$R^{12} \longrightarrow \tilde{O}$$

or

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 R^{11} , R^{12} and R^{13} are each independently H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl; and R^{14} and R^{15} are, independently, H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group.

Claim 2 (original) The process of claim 1, further comprising subjecting the process to a catalytically effective amount of a cross-coupling metal catalyst.

Claim 3 (original) The process of claim 2, wherein the cross-coupling metal catalyst comprises nickel or palladium.

Claim 4 (original) The process of claim 2, wherein the cross-coupling metal catalyst is Pd(0).

Claim 5 (original) The process of claim 2, further comprising contacting the compound of formula i with a metallating agent, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing boron, zinc, tin, magnesium, or aluminum, or a combination thereof.

Claim 6 (original) The process of claim 5, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing boron.

Claim 7 (original) The process of claim 5, wherein the metallating agent is MeO-9-BBN.

Claim 8 (original) The process of claim 5, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing zinc.

Claim 9 (original) The process of claim 5, wherein the metallating agent is ZnCl₂.

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Claim 10 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein at least one of X^1 and X^2 are iodo.

Claim 11 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R⁰ is ethylenyl.

Claim 12 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , R^7 , and R^8 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_3 alkyl.

Claim 13 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R¹, R², R³, R⁶, R⁷, and R⁸ are CH₃.

Claim 14 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R⁴ and R⁹, independently, are *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, 2-methoxymethyl, acetyl, benzyloxymethyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl or allyl.

Claim 15 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R⁴ is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.

Claim 16 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R⁹ is methoxymethyl.

Claim 17 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R¹⁰ is CH₃.

Claim 18 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R¹¹, R¹² and R¹³ are CH₃.

Claim 19 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are, independently, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl, triethylsilyl, methoxymethyl, methylthiomethyl, 2-methoxymethyl, acetyl, benzyloxymethyl, 2-(trimethylsilyl)ethoxymethyl or

allyl.

Claim 20 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein R¹⁴ and R¹⁵ are, independently, tert-butyldimethylsilyl or methoxymethyl.

Claim 21(original) The process of claim 1, wherein R²⁵ is *para*-methoxybenzyl.

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Claim 22 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein J is

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Claim 23 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein J is

Claim 24 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein J is

Claim 25 (original) The process of claim 1, wherein J is

Claim 26 (original) The process of claim 1, further comprising a step of synthesizing a compound of formula II

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$$R^0$$
 R^1 R^2 R^3 R^6 R^7 R^{10} from compound I, which

comprises

contacting the compound of formula I with an oxidizing agent to form a deprotected compound, and

contacting the deprotected compound with Cl₃CCONCO in the presence of a hydrolyzing agent.

Claim 27 (original) The process of claim 26, wherein the oxidizing agent is 2,3-dichloro-5,6-dicyano-1,4-benzoquinone.

Claim 28 (original) The process of claim 26, wherein the hydrolyzing agent is Al₂O₃.

Claim 29 (original) A process for synthesizing a compound of formula III

III

comprising contacting a diene of formula xi

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$$R^1$$
 R^2
 R^3
 X^1
 X^1
 X^2
 X^2
 X^3
 X^4

with a lactone of formula xxi

wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{11} , and R^{12} are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl; R^4 , R^9 , R^{14} , and R^{15} are, independently, an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

 R^{10} is hydrogen or C_1 - C_6 alkyl;

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidation stable hydroxyl protecting group; and

 X^1 and X^2 are, independently, a halogen, triflate, tosylate, or mesylate.

Claim 30 (original) The process of claim 29, further comprising subjecting the process to the presence of a catalytically effective amount of a cross-coupling metal catalyst.

Claim 31 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein the cross-coupling metal catalyst comprises nickel or palladium.

Claim 32 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein the cross-coupling metal catalyst is Pd(0).

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Claim 33 (original) The process of claim 29, further comprising contacting the compound of formula xi with a metallating agent, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing boron, zinc, tin or magnesium or aluminum.

Claim 34 (original) The process of claim 33, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing boron.

Claim 35 (original) The process of claim 33, wherein the metallating agent is MeO-9-BBN.

Claim 36 (currently amended) The process of claim [36] 33, wherein the metallating agent is a compound containing zinc.

Claim 37 (original) The process of claim 33, wherein the metallating agent is ZnCl₂.

Claim 38 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein at least one of X^1 and X^2 are iodine.

Claim 39 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein R^1 , R^2 , R^3 , R^6 , R^7 , R^8 , R^{11} , and R^{12} are methyl.

Claim 40 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein R⁴, R⁹, R¹⁴, and R¹⁵ are, independently, *tert*-butyldimethylsilyl or methoxymethyl.

Claim 41 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein R¹⁰ is hydrogen.

Claim 42 (original) The process of claim 29, wherein R²⁵ is *para*-methoxy benzyl.

Claim 43 (original) A process for synthesizing a halogenated alkylene of formula i

comprising:

contacting an alkenyl of formula ii

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$$R^0$$
 R^1 R^2 R^3 OR^{10a} ii OR^{25} OR^4 with a mild acid; and

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adding to the process $(X^1)_2$ in the presence of $P(R^{18})_3$; wherein:

 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl), $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$

or $(CH_2)_r$ (heterocycle), wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

 R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group;

 R^{18} is C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidatively labile hydroxyl protecting group; and

X¹ is a halogen, triflate, tosylate, or mesylate.

Claim 44 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein R⁰ is ethylene.

Claim 45 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein R¹, R² and R³ are each methyl.

Claim 46 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

Claim 47 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein R¹⁸ is phenyl.

Claim 48 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein R²⁵ is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.

Claim 49 (original) The process of claim 43 wherein X^1 is iodo.

Claim 50 (original) The process of claim 43, wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 51 (original) A process of synthesizing a compound of formula ii

comprising:

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contacting an aldehyde of formula iii

wherein

 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl), $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$ or $(CH_2)_r(heterocycle)$, wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

 R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group;

 R^{18} is R^{18} is C_6 - C_{14} aryl; and

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidatively labile hydroxyl protecting group.

Claim 52 (original) The process of claim 51 wherein R⁰ is ethylene.

Claim 53 (original) The process of claim 51 wherein R¹, R² and R³ are each methyl.

Claim 54 (original) The process of claim 51 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

Claim 55 (original) The process of claim 51 wherein R¹⁸ is phenyl.

Claim 56 (original) The process of claim 51 wherein R²⁵ is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.

Claim 57 (original) The process of claim 51, wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 58 (original) The process of claim 52, wherein the compound of formula iii is contacted with allyldiphenylphosphine instead of $R^0CH = P(R^{18})_3$.

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Claim 59 (original) A process of synthesizing a compound of formula iv

$$\begin{array}{c|c}
R^{1} & R^{2} & R^{3} \\
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 & OR^{10a}
\end{array}$$
iv $OR^{25} OR^{4}$, comprising

contacting a compound of formula vi

compound of

formula v

reacting a compound of formula v with R²⁵ O CCI₃; wherein

 R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group; and

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidatively labile hydroxyl protecting group.

Claim 60 (original) The process of claim 59 wherein R¹, R² and R³ are each methyl.

Claim 61 (original) The process of claim 59 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

Claim 62 (original) The process of claim 59 wherein R²⁵ is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.

Claim 63 (original) The process of claim 59, wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 64 (original) A process of forming a compound of formula viii

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$$V_{1}^{1} \stackrel{R^{0}}{\underset{Y^{2} \text{ O}}{\bigvee}} OR^{10a}$$
viii $V_{2}^{1} \stackrel{R^{2}}{\underset{Y^{2} \text{ O}}{\bigvee}} OR^{4}$, comprising

contacting a compound of formula x

$$R^3$$
 OR^{10a} Y^1 N^2 OR^{10a} Y^1 N^2 OR^{10a} O

formula

converting the compound of formula ix to a compound of formula vi

$$R^2$$
 R^3
 OR^{10a}
vi OR^4 ; wherein

 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl),

 $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$ or $(CH_2)_r(heterocycle)$, wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

R² and R³ are, independently, H or C₁-C₁₀ alkyl;

R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group; and

Y¹ and Y² are, independently, O or S.

Claim 65 (original) The process of claim 64 wherein R⁰ is benzyl.

Claim 66 (original) The process of claim 64 wherein R² and R³ are each methyl.

Claim 67 (original) The process of claim 64 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

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Claim 68 (original) The process of claim 64 wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 69 (original) A process for synthesizing a halogenated alkylene of formula i

comprising,

contacting an alcohol of formula iia

iia
$$R^0$$
 R^1 R^2 R^3 OH with $(X^1)_2$ in the presence of $P(R^{18})_3$;

yielding the compound of formula iia by contacting an alkylene of formula ii

$$R^0$$
 R^1 R^2 R^3 OR^{10a} ii OR^{25} OR^4 with a mild acid;

forming the compound of formula ii by contacting an aldehyde of formula iii

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 OR^{10a}
 OR^{25}
 OR^{4}
 $With$
 $R^{0}CH_{2}$
 $P(R^{18})_{3}X^{1}$;

 R^{1}
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 R^{3}
 R^{1}
 R^{0}
 R^{0}
 R^{0}
 R^{10}
 R

producing the compound of formula iii by subjecting a compound of formula iv

$$R^{1}$$
 R^{2}
 R^{3}
 OR^{10a}
iv OR^{25} OR^{4} to ozonolysis.;

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resulting in the compound of formula iv by contacting a compound of formula v

synthesizing the compound of formula v by contacting a compound of formula vi

producing the compound of formula vi by contacting a compound of formula vii

$$R^2$$
 R^3 OR^{10a} vii OR^4 with an oxidizing agent;

forming the compound of formula vii by contacting a compound of formula viii

viii
$$V^{1}$$
 V^{1} V^{2} V^{2} V^{3} V^{2} V^{3} V^{4} V^{2} V^{2} V^{3} V^{4} V^{2} V^{3} V^{4} V^{4} V^{5} V^{7} V^{7}

synthesizing the compounds of formula viii and by protecting a hydroxyl moiety of a compound of formula ix

yielding the compounds of formula ix and ix' by contacting a compound of formula x

$$R^3$$
 OR^{10a} Y^1 N R^2 $With$ Y^2 O ; wherein

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 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl), $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$

or $(CH_2)_r$ (heterocycle), wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

 R^1 , R^2 , and R^3 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group;

 R^{18} is C_6 - C_{14} aryl;

R²⁵ is hydrogen or an oxidatively labile hydroxyl protecting group;

X¹ is a halogen, triflate, tosylate, or mesylate; and

Y¹ and Y² are, independently, S or O.

Claim 70 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein R⁰ is benzyl.

Claim 71 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein R^1 , R^2 and R^3 are each methyl.

Claim 72 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

Claim 73 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein R¹⁸ is phenyl.

Claim 74 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein R²⁵ is tert-butyldimethylsilyl.

Claim 75 (original) The process of claim 69 wherein X^1 is iodo.

Claim 76 (original) The process of claim 69, wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 77 (original) A compound of formula viii

wherein

 R^0 is C_{1-6} alkyl, C_{2-6} alkenyl, C_{2-6} alkynyl, $(CH_2)_r(C_{3-6}$ cycloalkyl), $(CH_2)_r(aryl)$ or $(CH_2)_r(heterocycle)$, wherein r is 0, 1, 2, 3, or 4;

 R^2 and R^3 are, independently, H or C_1 - C_{10} alkyl;

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R⁴ is H or an acid labile hydroxyl protecting group;

R^{10a} is a hydroxyl protecting group; and

 Y^1 and Y^2 are, independently, S or O.

Claim 78 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein R⁰ is benzyl.

Claim 79 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein R² and R³ are each methyl.

Claim 80 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein R⁴ is para-methoxybenzyl.

Claim 81 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein R^{10a} is trityl.

Claim 82 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein at least one of Y^1 and Y^2 is S.

Claim 83 (original) The compound of claim 77 wherein at least one of Y^1 and Y^2 is O.